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Courtney Saleski is National Co-Chair of DLA's White Collar Practice and an experienced trial and appellate lawyer. Courtney focuses her practice on investigations, criminal and government-related litigation, government enforcement actions, and appeals. Courtney has successfully resolved internal and government investigations for clients and successfully represented companies and individuals in a wide range of criminal, civil, and enforcement matters at both the trial and appellate level.

Prior to joining DLA Piper, Courtney was a federal prosecutor. Earlier in her career, Courtney clerked for the Honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States.

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- Antitrust and Competition

EXPERIENCE

Recent representations include:

- A global pharmaceutical company in a False Claims Act litigation in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- A global medical device company in an FCPA-related investigation by the SEC
- An individual indicted in the District of Baltimore on corruption and fraud charges relating to procurement of IT contracts from the state
- An individual indicted in a Southern District of New York prosecution for wire fraud and corruption charges relating to procurement of building contracts from the state
- A defense contractor in an internal investigation into allegations of False Claims Act violations
- A pharmacy benefits manager in an internal investigation into allegations of False Claims Act violations
- A payday loan company and executive in an investigation by the DOJ and NY AG into allegations of violations of federal and state law

- An individual indicted in a District of Connecticut prosecution for securities fraud and the related civil action by the SEC
- A defense contractor in connection with a US Supreme Court petition for certiorari to the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in a False Claims Act case presenting the issue of implied certification
- A defense contractor in connection with an appeal to the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in a False Claims Act case involving a finding by the district court that the action was barred by the first-to-file rule
- A nonprofit in a criminal investigation into inventory adjustment fraud by the FBI
- A consulting company in an internal investigation relating to an insider trading matter investigated by the DOJ
- Various individuals and companies in investigations by the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Major audit firms and individual auditors before the SEC, PCAOB and DOJ, in matters involving alleged fraud at the audit client
- A major audit firm in fraud and malpractice actions in the Southern District of New York and Pennsylvania state court.
- A healthcare company in an internal investigation relating to a potential whistleblower's complaints
- A union of NY City police officers in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York and US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in Fourth Amendment litigation

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

Prior Experience

Before joining DLA Piper, Courtney served as an Assistant United States Attorney for more than five years in the District of Columbia. Courtney served as a Senior AUSA in the Fraud & Public Corruption Section, where she was a member of the Healthcare Fraud Unit. In that position, she led numerous high-profile investigations and prosecutions, focusing primarily on healthcare fraud, procurement fraud, securities fraud and public corruption matters. Courtney also has extensive experience litigating violent crime, sex abuse and child abuse cases. During her time as an AUSA, Courtney tried more than 30 cases and received three special achievement awards for her work investigating and trying cases.

Along with her accomplishments as a trial lawyer, Courtney is highly experienced as an appellate litigator. During her time as an AUSA, Courtney also served in the Appellate Division, where she briefed and argued numerous appeals before the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit and the DC Court of Appeals. Earlier in her career, Courtney held clerkships with Chief Justice William Rehnquist of the US Supreme Court and Judge Frank Magill of the US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Before entering government service, Courtney was in private practice, focusing on appellate litigation, white collar criminal defense and FCPA investigations.

Recognitions

In 2015, Courtney was named among the *The Legal Intelligencer's* Lawyers on the Fast Track.

During her time at the US Attorney's Office, Courtney received three Special Achievement awards. She has also been recognized by *The Legal 500 United States*.

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Education

- J.D., George Washington University Law School 2002
with highest honors

- B.S., University of Scranton
with honors

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Co-author, "Gov't Contractors, Be Prepared For FCA Parallel Proceedings," *Law360*, April 24, 2019
- Co-author, "Prosecutors and Congress react to Attorney General's marijuana decision," *The National Law Journal*, March 1, 2018
- Co-author, "On FCA Enforcement, Sessions DOJ Might Be More Friendly Than It First Appears," *Westlaw Journal*, April 2017
- Co-author, "White Collar Crime Report," *Bloomberg Law*, March 31, 2017
- Co-author, "Post-Escobar Courts Reaching Consensus On FCA Materiality," *Law360*, March 27, 2017
- Co-author, "Supreme Court unanimously overturns public corruption conviction of former Virginia Governor: routine political courtesies such as setting up meetings or hosting events, standing alone, do not constitute 'official acts' for the purposes of the bribery statute," *DLA Piper Litigation Alert Series*, June 29, 2016
- Co-author, "Universal Health Services: contractors take note – Supreme Court approves implied certification theory of False Claims Act liability," *DLA Piper Litigation Alert Series*, June 22, 2016
- Co-author, "Public disclosure bar prohibits 'bounty-hunting' relators from filing duplicative FCA claims," *DLA Piper Litigation Alert Series*, January 12, 2016
- Co-author, "Auditors scrutinized by regulators when companies face fraud allegations," *CFO Daily News*, November 24, 2015
- Co-author, "DOJ seeks to revamp and re-energize its prosecution of individuals: key takeaways," *DLA Piper Litigation Alert Series*, September 10, 2015
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- "The False Claims Act and the 'Implied Certification' Theory," *For The Defense*, June 2015
- "All Employers Face Independent Contractor, Employment Tax Scrutiny," *Forbes*, June 24, 2015
- Co-author, "District court says appointment of SEC administrative law judge was likely unconstitutional," *DLA Piper Litigation Alert Series*, June 9, 2015
- Co-author, "Supreme Court: Wartime Suspension of Limitations Act does not apply to civil claims; ruling may also mean more criminal prosecutions," *DLA Piper Litigation Alert Series*, May 28, 2015
- "Tread With Caution When Representing Marijuana Clients," *The National Law Journal*, May 26, 2015

Events

- Conducting Parallel Criminal and Civil False Claims Act Investigations, Panelist, Federal Bar Assoc. Qui Tam Conference, 28 Feb 2019